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Dear Jim,

I finally got around to writing Dr. Freeman.

I decided to do it through the lawyer who told Bud to go to hell. Inevitably Freeman would have consulted him anyway. This gives the lawyer time to think it over first.

I omitted the fact that Frank showed Freeman the FBI report on what he told them. If they turn me down please remind me of this and I will write them that, too.

There is no real need for this for my writing. What I got from Crewdson is more than enough after the OPR job.

In the end I'll get it from the FBI anyway. But I want it for you now and for my added understanding in Jimmy's interest now.

You have a memo on what Crewdson told me Freeman told him. It is much more than I tell Greene. It is that as of the time he saw Jimmy he would have considered him entirely incapable of the crime.

I have taken this time to be as fair as possible to Freeman. You know very well that neither the FBI nor Frank nor McMillan nor Crewdson had a release from Ray.

If there will be more punch in the writing and consistency added to the doctrine if they turn me down I have tried to be persuasive.

I don't remember for sure but I think they picked Freeman up through the records of Ray's phone calls they obtained without subpoena.

The chain then probably goes to Canale and from him or his to Frank and then to everybody after Frank's book was out.

I can understand that Freeman might have considered he had to talk to the FBI but the fact is he should not have and now that he did is grossly and deliberately misused. Freeman knew that when he turned Bud down. What he did is that and I'm sure he and Greene knew it.

<u>After</u> talking to all of Ray's enemies!

Best,